

## He Took My Place (Mark 15:1-15)

**Proposition:** In the text before us tonight we see the Lamb of God being offered up for Sinners.

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It was 1794 during the Reign of Terror in Paris under Robespierre.

Many were falsely imprisoned during that horrid rule. One July night an old prisoner was walking among the prisoners when he came upon a sleepy figure. This sleeping person caught his attention and after closer inspection he realized it was his son who had been captured and placed into prison. Overcome with love for his son and realizing that tomorrow morning held his execution, he devised a plan to take his place when the executioner called. He watched his son sleep all night. In the early morning hours the soldier call Jean Sander de Laiserville! "Here!" said the father. On the way to the guillotine they passed thru the book keeping. Jean Sander de Laiserville age 37. I am Jean Sander de Laiserville but I am 73. Stupit mistake said the soldier. The Ledger was corrected, the father was led to the guillotine and quickly killed.

The son awoke expecting death at any moment. I. The Lamb of God Presented as Spotless

I Peter 2: 23 explains that Christ did no sin. Upon finishing the mock trial he had to bring a

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A. Spotless Despite the Priests Accusation  
Upon finishing the religious mock trial  
they had to bring a civil charge against  
Jesus to get a death penalty. Rome had  
to approve the cooked up the charge,  
the he was a threat to the rule of Rome!

Here the Priests accusing, accusing! and  
Christ says nothing. Not a word. Pilate asks  
you the King of the Jews? As you say  
was Jesus reply. Other gospel details Jesus  
confesses that he is a king but not of this  
world. He poses no threat to a temporal throne!

### B. Spotless Before Pilots Analysis

Pilate was not pushover. No powder  
puff. He is described in archaic terms as  
brutal, inflexible, merciless and obstinate  
man. Yet in the midst of all these accu-  
sations Pilate sees through the plot  
obviously this is a trumped up charge.  
Human teacher is to defend. Yet Jesus said  
nothing as if the charges were so ridiculous  
as to not merit a response. Pilate was am-  
azed with the innocence of this man and this  
bloody ruler seems to be the only one to  
<sup>(3)</sup>

### II The Lamb of God Promised as Substitute

When a man guilty of sin came to the  
tabernacle w/a sacrifice it would be  
inspected, then when found w/o blemish

1) ...death at any moment was informed that an old man that stood over him all night, answered his call to execution while he slept. But I'm Jean Simon de Louiserolle he cried! In bitter tears he realized it was his father that had taken his place. Three days later the Reign of Terror was over. Robespierre was executed and the son released from prison. Although no illustration, not anecdote, nor parable could detail what took place in our text tonight, the story of Jean Simon de Louiserolle and his father, yield up a fitting yet faint description of my title: He Took My Place! He was the sacrificial lamb offered up in my stead. In the text before us tonight we see the lamb of God being offered up for sinners.

2) ...charge that Jesus was a threat to the rule of Rome! But yet these charges can been seen through in this civil trial.

3) ...one to come to the defense of Jesus. Vs 14 Why what evil hath he done! In the gospel of John and Luke we find him repeating I find not fault with this man. He even goes so far as to try to wash his hands of the whole matter in Matthew. Jesus was inspected and found to innocent spotless! Guiltless! A lamb with our spot and without blemish!

- 1) ...head saying this is my substitute. All four gospels contain the Jesus for Barabas substitution and for good reason. It is a blatant depiction of the Saviour for the sinner!
- 2) ...picture of the natural man! Refusing to submit to Gods boundaries. Driven by hate and aggression! That is you and I in our lost condition!
- 3) ...supporters of Barabas there to see to his release. Where are the followers of Jesus! Where are the myriad of lives changed forever by the virtue of Jesus. Where are you Bartimaeus? Where are you Jairus? Where are you Peter? Where are you Ronnie when your opportunity to sound out for the Kingdom! It could have been me up there with a crowd that had every right to scream for my execution, but he, the innocent took my place!
- 4) 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The man wanted place his hand on it head saying <sup>①</sup> th  
A. The Object of Substitution - The object of Substitution was Barabbas. Bar-  
son alias = father Son of a Father. He was an insurrectionist. In his hatred for Rome he had  
killed and (other gospels) Roasted. He was a notorious terrorist. He is the exact opposite  
of Jesus. He was living for a present world ruled  
by hate and lawless rebellion. What a picture!  
B. The Outcry of Substitution - Pilate  
thinking for sure that Jesus would be  
chosen if the murdering Barabbas let the  
crowd choose. Barabbas! Give us Barabbas  
is this the same crowd that greeted with  
palm branches and lay down their coats  
now shake their fists and grit their teeth. It was  
earlier in the morning. Maybe these were supporters  
C. The Outworking of Substitution -  
Vs 9, 11 "Will ye that I release...?" "Release Barabbas!"  
if anyone that day should have  
been nailed to a Roman Execution tree  
it should have been Barabbas. What an  
injustice! The Guilty goes free while  
the innocent suffer an agonizing penalty  
Yet the wisdom of God say Rom 5:8 But God  
III The Lamb of God Punished as Sacrifice  
After being identified as a substit-  
ute then the criminal would be  
sacrificed! Brutally cut and disect

### A. The Cry for Punishment - 12-13

Crucify Him! What horrifying words!  
No death more indescribably more  
cruel, more inescapably humiliating  
were excruciatingly torturous. Yet  
it was demanded. The Law cries out  
for justice over the eternity of the sinful  
soul. Death is the penalty. And He took my place

### B. The Conceding to Punishment -

Vs 14-15c - Pilot was consciousness of Jesus'  
innocence yet gave into popular  
consciousness. Drips of water fall from his  
hands in attempt to wash away his  
sinful guilt, but what can wash away  
my sin? Nothing but Jesus. Many will split  
hell wide open being conscious of Jesus' character

### C. The Commencement of Punishment -

15d - Mark leaves out the grisly de-  
tails under the title "he had him scourged".  
Stripped tied to column, 3 men, short whip  
thongs full of bone, glass metal, mutilates  
his back, reports of seeing bones and vital  
organs. Fiss my lawless heart of rebellion  
~~I~~ should have been scourged 10,000 times.

### IV. Close - Once Released from prison

Jean Sirey de Loiserolle solemnly  
vowed that every moment of his life  
should be worthy of his father's supreme sac-  
rifice. So it is with every saved child of God.

- 1) but not bowed to his saving gospel!
- 2) ...but he took my place! "Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood!" One author writes "All his suffering was not designed to arouse our pity but to assure us of the extent of His love!"
- 3) ...saved child of God. Paul said in Gal. 2:20 Jesus Christ who loved me and gave himself for me!